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I wonder if you have yet had the chance to see the first of the new Narnia films yet – it is certainly worth seeing even with all the special effects. Most of us are familiar with C S Lewis’s wonderful children’s story about the magical kingdom of Aslan, the Lion that lives beyond the Wardrobe in a kingdom ruled by the White Witch. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe was written for C.S. Lewis’s goddaughter Lucy Barfield, and of course features a little girl called Lucy. Lewis wrote his stories at the same time as his colleague J.R.R. Tolkien was writing his Lord of the Rings novels about Middle Earth, and they compared notes over their pints in the Lamb and Flag pub in Oxford, where they were both academics. They called their little group ‘The Inklings’. Tolkien’s stories are fantastically imaginative and thoroughly absorbing but they are just that, stories. C.S.Lewis’s story though is a wonderful allegorical story in which for good to triumph over evil, Aslan is killed but comes back to life, and in so doing wrongs are righted and love reigns. A familiar story – of course, because it is at its heart the story of redemption, of God’s life changing love for

THE PARISHES of Bere Regis and AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE
The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ
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FEBRUARY 2006

THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk
us - the essence of the story of Jesus Christ.

The first Wednesday of next month, 1st March, is Ash Wednesday, when we mark the beginning of Lent with the symbolic burning of last year’s palm crosses into ash and prepare ourselves for the six weeks of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The truth at the heart of our faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and thus our redemption. Lent helps us prepare to better understand this world and life changing event. The new life we will see in our snow drops and daffodils is mirrored in the new life that we are given by Jesus Christ. Do come and join us at the Parish Church in Bere Regis at 7pm on Ash Wednesday, and begin your own Redemption Story.

Can I also remind you of ‘The Rabbi Talks’ evening at Briantspuddle Village Hall on 16th February 2006 at 7pm. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome. It’s a chance for us to better understand a little more about a faith to which we owe so much.

With love and prayers

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**September**

9th  Dorset Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride

**October**

7th  Auction of Promises in aid of Church funds, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.

**November**

**December**
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February
8th Autumn Leaves - The magic of nature 2.30 p.m.
10th Scouts Valentine Spectacular
28th WI Pancake race, North Street

March
8th Autumn Leaves - Budgies 2.30 p.m.

April
29th Bere Regis Church outing to Isle of Wight and Osborne House

May
13th Pop in Place Performers Celebration Concert

June
11th Briantspuddle Open Gardens event
17th Affpuddle Church fete
24th Bere Regis Church fete

July
9th Pop in Place Open Gardens event
25-27th New Forest and Hampshire County Show

August
### Bere Regis Church Rotas

**Bere Regis Even Song Readers**
- 5th: Mrs Jutting
- 19th: Miss Frampton

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**
- 5th and 12th: Mrs G Whittle, Mrs K Smith
- 19th and 26th: Mrs B Griffin, Mrs N Gibson

**First Sunday Coffee**
- 5th February: John and Pat House

**Cleaning and Dusting**

**Cleaning**
- 4th February: Mrs H Loxton and Mrs J Clifford
- 11th and 18th February: Mr B James and Mrs M James
- 25th February and 4th March: Mr R Robinson and Mrs A Robinson

**Dusting**
- 4th February: Mrs M Carlyle and Mrs E James
- 11th and 18th February: Mrs J Gibbs and Mrs C Burden
- 25th February and 4th March: Mrs O Curtis and Mrs M Lewis

### Bere Regis Sidesmen
- 5th: 10.00 am Mr Bates/Mr House
- 6.00 pm: Mrs Jutting
- 12th: 11.00 am Family service
- 9.15 am: Mr Wharf/Mr Smith
- 6.00 pm: Miss Frampton
- 26th: 11.00 am: Miss Miller

### Bere Regis Evensong Readers
- 5th: Mrs Jutting
- 19th: Miss Frampton

### Purbeck District Councillor
- Peter Wharf: 472246 The Old Vicarage West Street, BH20 7HU
- Monthly surgery: Turberville Court, Communal Lounge @ 9.30—10.00

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- Jean Thorn: 471646 20 Cyril Wood Court, BH20 7HH
- Monthly: Cyril Wood Court 1st Saturday 10am—12 noon

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- Sally Cheeseman: 471022 4 Elder Road BH20 7LY
- Bookings Secretary
- Monthly: Drax Hall 1st Wednesday @ 9.45 am

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- Tim Colquhoun: 471360 Heatherdown, Brock Hill
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- Weekly: RBL Club

### Mothers’ Union
- Hazel Green: 471571 3 Southbrook
- Monthly: Turberville Court 1st Wednesday. 7.30 p.m.

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- Dorset County Council: 01305 224440 dorchestermobilelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk
- Alternate fortnights: Car park Mondays 9.20—9.50 Fridays 10.50—12.15

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- Angela Jones: 472261 7 Boswells Close BH20 7JE
- Weekly: Drax Hall Monday and Friday mornings 10.00—12.00

### Purbeck District Councillor
- Peter Wharf: 472246 The Old Vicarage West Street peterwharf@hotmail.com
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### Royal British Legion Club
- Mrs Glo Curtis: 472620 32 Old Barn Road Glo.curtis@dorset.probatio n.gsx.gov.uk
- Monthly at the club 3rd Monday @ 7.30 p.m.

### RBL Gardening Club
- Mrs Megan Stone: 471627 2 Manor House
- Monthly: RBL 1st Tuesday. 8.00 p.m.

### RBL Women’s Section
- Mrs Eileen Maidment: 471616 9 Elder Road
- Monthly: RBL 3rd Wednesday. 2.00 p.m.

### St John’s Choral Singers
- Tim Colquhoun: 471360 Heatherdown, Brock Hill tac@tacmusic.com
- Set rehearsal dates for each performance

### Twinning Association
- Mrs Ann Robinson: 472424 3 Southbarn, Sitterton, BH20 7HU
- southbarn@tiscali.co.uk
- Meetings and events arranged as and when.

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CHURCH AND VILLAGE

ACTIVITIES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS and CONTACTS

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<td>471360</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:choir@tacmusic.com">choir@tacmusic.com</a></td>
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<td>Bere Regis Swimming Club</td>
<td>Bob Holman</td>
<td>01305 848262</td>
<td>Camelot, Affpuddle DT2 7HH</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bob.holman@affpuddle.fsnet.co.uk">bob.holman@affpuddle.fsnet.co.uk</a></td>
<td>5.30 p.m.—7.00 p.m. at the Blandford Leisure Centre</td>
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<td>Bere Regis Health Walks</td>
<td>Lynda Crisford</td>
<td>471180</td>
<td>11 Bitchams Mead BH20 7ND</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Michael.CRISFORD@ukgateway.net">Michael.CRISFORD@ukgateway.net</a></td>
<td>Every Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Bere Regis Car Park</td>
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<td>471774</td>
<td>472161</td>
<td>10, South Mead</td>
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<td>Bere Regis First School</td>
<td>Steven Battishill - Headteacher</td>
<td>471334</td>
<td>Rye Hill BH20 7LP</td>
<td><a href="mailto:office@bereegis.dorset.sch.uk">office@bereegis.dorset.sch.uk</a></td>
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<td>471170</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:kimbenjy@yahoo.co.uk">kimbenjy@yahoo.co.uk</a></td>
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<td>472159</td>
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<td>Thursdays 6.30 - 8 pm 8- 10½ or 11 years Scout Hut, Elder Road</td>
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<td>Chris Gall</td>
<td>01305</td>
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Sunday 12th February 2006

Bere Regis Church
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Bere Regis Junior Church

The next children’s activity morning will be about:

God’s Love on St. Valentine’s Day

Sunday 12th February 2006

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10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

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All children between ages 4 & 10 are very welcome. There will be lots of fun and no charge! – just come along and enjoy yourselves.

And why not join us for the Family Service (11.00-11.30am) with refreshments for everyone afterwards!
**AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS**

*Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice*

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CHRCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY
Sunday 5th February - Fourth Sunday before Lent – Candlemass
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 12th February – Third Sunday before Lent
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11am Family Service Bere Regis
3.30pm Evensong Affpuddle

Sunday 19th February - Second Sunday before Lent
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Family Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis

Sunday 26th February – Sunday Next before Lent
8am Holy Communion Bere Regis
9.15am Parish Communion Affpuddle
11am Mattins & Communion Bere Regis

Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday
7pm Benefice Communion Service with ‘Ashing’ Bere Regis

Sunday 5th March – First Sunday of Lent
8am Holy Communion Affpuddle
9.15am Parish Communion Bere Regis
11am Mattins & Communion Affpuddle
6pm Evensong Bere Regis
BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

At St John the Baptist, Bere Regis:
Sheila Cooper on 12th January following cremation at Poole on the 11th.
Her ashes were interred at Lady St Mary, Wareham on the 13th January.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Dorset Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride on Saturday 10th September 2005

Yet another successful Sponsored Cycle Ride has been completed by hundreds of people throughout Dorset.
Churches around the county will benefit from the 2005 event, which raised £36,526.

Almost every Parish, including United, Methodist and Catholic churches, in Dorset participates in some way. Either by opening their church for visiting cyclists, sponsoring someone, or either cycling or walking for their parish. Half of the money raised is returned immediately to the nominated church. This money can be used for any project the parish chooses.

The Morshead Trophy will be presented to the combined winners for 2005 - Loders and Uploders Methodist Chapel for their excellent support of the event.

The Dorset Historic Churches Trust makes grants and loans to parishes for work on the fabric of churches.

The 2006 Ride is on Saturday 9th September.

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk

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(Cheques to be made payable to Bere Regis PCC)

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Rates for charitable, community or non-profit organisations are charged at 50% of above.

Full year advertising is based on complete calendar years. Adverts inserted for part years are charged at a pro-rata rate of the full year cost.

Art-work for advertisements can be created, free of charge for simple text, £10 - £30 for complex text and graphics.

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Mon - Aerobic workout
Wed - Body Conditioning
Thurs - Aerocircuits

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS
Practices are planned for Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm numbers permitting.
We hope that members who have not been too well recently will be well on the way back to full health.

VILLAGE CALENDAR
All copies of the village calendar have now completely sold out and we are pleased that this venture has proved so successful in its first year of production. With the tremendous support of local advertisers and sales of over 400 copies, we are delighted that around £1,800 profit has gone to church funds. Once again, we are indebted to Tony Bates as it was his beautiful photographs that have made this such a sought after item.

Next year’s planning is already underway with the suggestion from Tony that the Camera Club are asked to consider supplying some of the images for next year. In order to keep the seasonal feel it will be wise to capture appropriate pictures from now on. The two Open Gardens events in June and July will make perfect subject matter, for example. In addition, there may also be the possibility of using some ‘people’ shots to keep the true local feel.

All the participating clubs and societies are encouraged to have their events publicised in this way and we will be aiming for an earlier publication date this time - probably the beginning of October, in order to maximise sales revenue.

Do please support the advertisers - without them we could not have undertaken the project.

If anyone wants to offer suggestions for next year, please contact Alison Debenham on 471780.
While we are without a Branch Leader, it has been decided to run the Branch by the Committee, and members are being invited to lead the meetings. Our January meeting was led by Christine and Nancy Gibson and Christine welcomed Diana and Penny from Wool who were visiting us for the first time.

We have been invited to attend the Service in Church on Sunday 15th January when all the major gifts received by the Church over the past two or three years will be dedicated. About 12 members hope to attend and extra people offered to help with refreshments. It was decided to hold the produce stall at the eastern end of the south aisle.

We were reminded of the Plough Sunday Service and three members offered to carry the banner.

Members were reminded of the Mothers’ Union Quiet morning to be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday 22nd March and the Archdeaconry Service to be held on 24th March at 10.30am at St Peter’s Church, Parkstone. Numbers attending are needed by 21st February.

Christine collected the outstanding subscriptions and members enjoyed the annual gift exchange, proceeds of which went to Branch funds. Christine also read a letter from Hazel thanking us for the garden tokens we gave her.

Brenda explained that the subject of her talk, Peace and Reconciliation, was the Mothers’ Union theme for 2005. Members explored the subject from seven perspectives, namely - International, National, Community, The Workplace, The Church, The Family and Leisure Pursuits. We saw how important it is to try to resolve causes of conflict and learn to communicate, to understand, and to forgive.

Next month’s meeting will take place at Turberville Court on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm, when the guest speaker will be Bernard Bettles who will tell us about the children of Chernobyl. Leaders for the evening will be Nancy Scott and Margaret Miller.

Brenda Pitfield
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(including a Christmas pudding) which they shared with four European friends.

Work at BTI continued to be interesting. There is still a delay in obtaining their long term Visas.

An initiative has been agreed from their Nepali Church congregation to establish a new church in a large village some 35 km from Butwal. The Butwal congregation have undertaken to support the new church until it is up and running. This is a great burden for a poor community but a great commitment of faith.

Once again your prayers are asked for Andrea and Allen, the people of Nepal and their work.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

BEAT THOSE WINTER BLUES! A CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF SAVE THE CHILDREN featuring HARRY SKINNER AND DAVE SAUNDERS (formerly frontline members of the award winning Blues band The Producers) Performing an evening of acoustic Blues music, in aid of Save The Children. Harry and Dave are seasoned talented Blues players and have performed all across Europe. Don't miss this exciting duo!

BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY FEB 4th.
Tickets £7.50 in advance or £8.50 on the door, from Vivi Armitage.
01929 471200
Doors open 8.00 pm.
Pay bar available for refreshments, wine and beers.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info

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RABBI TALKS

Briantspuddle Village Hall
16th February 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

As part of our occasional inter-faith talks, Rabbi Neil Amswych of the Reformed Synagogue in Bournemouth has kindly agreed to share his thoughts with us on Judaism Today

Rabbi Neil is an engaging and enthusiastic leader of his congregation, so please join us for an interesting evening on a faith to which we owe so much

Entrance is free and refreshments will be served at the beginning of the meeting
Bere Regis Church Outing to the Isle of Wight

Osborne House and Ryde

29th April 2006

Depart Turberville court car park 7.30 a.m.

Cost: £20 to include entry to Osborne House (or if an English Heritage member coach/ferry only - £14)

Tickets from John and Pat House

ANDREA AND ALLAN SMITH

News from Butwal

Andrea and Allan Smith thank everyone who has sent Christmas and New Year messages.

Sadly one of the Christian community, an epileptic orphan who had been abandoned and was being cared for by one of the church families died just before Christmas. He was buried in the forest in a plot used for Christian burials. (In Nepal being a Hindu country it is the custom for the dead to be cremated near the rivers).

Christmas Day was fun with a children’s programme at the church which included dancing and singing. The programme was followed by a delicious rice meal and then Andrea and Allan went home to prepare Christmas supper.

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle website: www.briantspuddle.info
for suggestions as to how the Committee should proceed bearing in mind the time it is taking to obtain planning permission for the developments needed. (Planning permission is essential before funding can be sought from grant giving bodies).

The Village Hall Store

Further to the item in the January magazine. A date has been set for the shed to be cleared and sorted. Any equipment not required will be “chucked”. “Chuck Date” has been set for the first Saturday in March - 4th March with trips to the tip to follow. If you or your organisation has equipment stored in the shed please contact Philippa Thorniley to discuss whether it really needs to be there and if it is agreed that it can still remain to identify it.

Philippa Thorniley

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Sheila Cooper

Today is very much a time of thanksgiving for Sheila, a time to remember a full life well lived; a life that showed and shared God’s love to all whom Sheila met. It’s also a time to give thanks that all we who have known her, have basked and been warmed in her glow, and felt so much better for it. This is a gift and I’m sure, a God given gift too.

Alas we don’t have so much time today to reflect on Sheila’s full love giving life, but we will tomorrow, in church. So these are but a few and somewhat personal reflections which help to show how Sheila lived out her faith, as we prepare to commit her to God’s mercy and protection. Sheila’s upbringing in Spain, and education in Gibraltar, gave her that essential wider view on life – Hispanic, French and English and steered her into that inclusive joy she shared throughout her life; and her escape to England after an idyllic childhood. Then joining the WRNS and serving in Portland, and then Portsmouth during the fatal Dieppe raid and then in Scotland, and finally with the Mediterranean Fleet in Alexandria.

All this induced that sense of serving and service and no doubt nurtured her wonderful sense of humour with its essential self deprecation. Her nearly 59 years of loving marriage to John still showed that intimacy as John cared for her so dedicatedly in her last few months. The three girls, so different and complementary; putting down roots in Wareham and her magistracy at the Wareham Bench, and her presidency of the Mothers Union; she was so committed to them all.

Then, in Cornwall and her garden there, and giving so much hospitality to the grandchildren and many visitors; and caravan holidays there too and on settling in Morden and finally back full circle in Wareham, Sheila re-established many old friendships. Her devotion to weekly letter writing to the family was a very good model, boldly taking up a computer at nearly 80. Ralph’s memories of Sheila running through a cornfield, and Serena’s of Sheila stopping everything to make a cake together, and Andrea’s of Sheila’s paella and apple crumble with custard.

I felt an instant rapport with Sheila and John they made me so very welcome when I came to Bere Regis. And there were times when we needed to balance the male dimension a little. I often felt I wasn’t keeping up when Sheila mentioned so many peoples’ names, but it was a loving sign of involvement and inclusiveness.
If there were a reality TV show based on talking and friendliness Sheila would have won the contest. In one sense Sheila was always so young and alive, her mind constantly racing from one person to another, their concerns and interests; travels and adventures, cares and concerns and joys.

She had an amazing capacity for remembering names and was always asking about my nephew in the Royal Marines or a brother in law who was very ill for a long time. Her own arthritis, and in her latter days her illnesses would just melt away once she got into her verbal stride. She had this wonderful and infectious sense of hospitality and inclusiveness, and always with a great sense of fun and cheerfulness. I think she knew a lot about the secret of true happiness – that as John recounts Sheila saying: ‘that our personal happiness is irrelevant because it is self centred; but what we should strive for is true joy – because true joy is sharing happiness’  

I think this succinctly reminds us of a truly remarkable loving lady, mother and grandmother, and friend to so many who loved God and showed and shared God’s love to us all. Sheila, may you rest in peace. Amen

IW

Programme of Events for 2006

On 11th March there will be a curry supper. The menu and ticket price has not yet been finalised but all curry tastes will be catered to and vegetarians, diabetics and coeliac will not be forgotten. The tickets will cost between £8 to £10 and there will be a bar.

The 100 Club will be organised again this year. Please be merciful and generous when Philippa comes calling and asking you to buy the numbers again!

The Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 4th June. Graham has agreed to drive his bus between Throop and Affpuddle again. A letter will be circulated asking for people to come forward and to allow their gardens to be open. Refreshments will be on sale in the Village Hall from 11.00 to 5.00. If you can help in anyway please contact me, Philippa Thorniley (471497) Jenny Lightfoot (471498) or Jenny Beedle (471002).

It has not yet been decided whether a barn dance will be held again. Last year the numbers were not as great as in previous years. Are the village’s dancing days over? Or are people taking their holidays in late September? Let us know.

It has been agreed to participate in the Purbeck Film Festival again and it is hoped that a film show and supper will be held on 14th October. Agreement to this date has to be finalised with the festival committee. The festival theme this year is to be Women and Film though last year some residents felt that Emma was a bit too mannered and women orientated for their tastes. I have asked for something a bit more action packed and suitable for all tastes!

In the summer Committee members will be attending the Promoters Fair organised by Artsreach when choices will be made for suitable shows for the Autumn/Winter season. If anyone has any strong views as to what should be shown or what they would like do please contact one of the committee and every effort will be made to accommodate your choice.

The Village Hall Fabric

At the Committee’s meeting concern was expressed about the deterioration of the kitchen and lavatory roofs. A letter has been sent to the Parish Council asking
At the January meeting of the Parish Council, a Planning Application was considered for The Pines, Brianstpuddle to demolish two wooden framed tin clad sheds and erect one wooden framed wooden clad shed.

Cllr M Barnes was requested to pass on the Council’s dissatisfaction over the lack of response from Purbeck District Council on all recent correspondence, particularly the letter relating to the downgrading of the B3390. The Council has not received an acknowledgement or a response to this letter.

Cllr de Burgh gave a full update on the Parish Web Site www.briantspuddle.info. The site was launched two months ago and has received over 800 hits in this time and has been considered very successful. The Wildlife page has not proved as popular and is likely to be renamed ‘Country Notes’ or similar, and include a broader range of information. Anyone wishing to provide articles of interest for inclusion on the web site, including historical information about the parish can submit articles in any format to Cllr C de Burgh, 29 Briantspuddle.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 15th February.

At the time of writing the last Artsreach Performance of the 2005/06 Autumn/Winter Season has not yet taken place. There will be a report of the “Shakespeare Ladies Club” in the March magazine.

The Briantspuddle Hall Committee met at the beginning of January and have drawn up a programme of events for 2006.
AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

THANKS FROM THE CHESHIRE HOMES

The Cheshire Homes have sent the Affpuddle congregation a Christmas card with a message of thanks for the gifts donated at our Gift Service on 18 December. Thank you to all who contributed – the card can be seen on the church notice board.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Soon the new rotas to run from May 2006 – April 2007 will be published. It is hoped everybody will be happy with their present commitment. If there are concerns, please telephone Erica Moriarty (471747) or Audrey Grindrod (471214). Is there anybody else who would like to join the rotas to do one clean (no more than 1 hour’s work) or the flowers? Even once a year would relieve others.

Several people have suggested that there should be only 3 special cleans during the year (instead of 4) as the church is kept so well from week to week. Please let us know what you think about this. Help on these 3 occasions would be especially appreciated.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

Frosty mornings will soon give way to snowdrops and other welcome signs of spring. For some, winter provides a brief respite from grass cutting but mowing becomes necessary from early March and the rota will be circulated to the mowing team shortly. Additional to grass cutting there is a much needed Spring ‘Clear-up’. This is planned for Saturday 18 March from 10.00am until noon.

Please come along if you can spare an hour or two (hot drinks will be laid on). There are the usual chores, including pruning, path edging, drain clearance and general tidying up for the summer. Helpful tools to bring include rakes, spades, path edging tools, pruners and receptacles for collecting leaves and other rubbish. I look forward to your company!

If you are unable to help on 18 March, but would be happy to do so at another time, please telephone me on 01929 471747.

Sandy Moriarty

Tesco Vouchers

The final count on Tesco vouchers was 4,648 vouchers.

With this we have ordered the following items:

- 2 Junior Football Goals
- 2 sets of training arches
- 1 Mitre football
- 11 Skipping Ropes
- 4 Rounders bats
- 6 Cricket balls
- 1 storage clipboard

Once again......THANK YOU ALL!!

Cricket

Forget the snow, frost and rain....the cricket season is fast approaching and training has already started! All are welcome to join in the indoor cricket nets every Wednesday at Milton Abbey School, from 7.00 until 9.00 in the evening.

If you are at all interested, please contact Herbie Swann on 01929 472812.
players carved out a place in the semi finals. The winning goal was the only bright spot in the quagmire as an imperious pass from Vinnie gave Shaun Cope his only run at goal and he finished ruthlessly. There were some nervous moments in the dying seconds, but Messrs Moss, Spivey and Osmond kept Lyme at bay and Bere, yet again, are in the hat for Monday. Will they make the final? After this game, the jury are still out……

Sundays

Hamworthy Labour 3: Bere Regis 3
Scorers: T Bennett (2); K Cox

Bere Regis 4: Hamworthy Labour 2
Scorers: S Cope (3); M Mahoney

AC Electrical 0: Bere Regis 3
Scorers: S Cope (2); M Mahoney

Bere are on a roll! Unbeaten again this month, fifth in the league, scoring goals for fun and even a clean sheet to finish off. Young manager of the month, Adam Rogerson, was happy to keep his team’s feet on the ground, though, as his post match interviews were, in order, ‘Disappointing’; ‘Not enough goals’; and ‘Crap’. God help them if they lose!! This does not seem likely with Shaun Cope finding his shooting boots, Mickey Mahoney bossing the midfield and Dean Rogerson tackling like a peroxide tank! As the cream of Bere Regis continues to rise to the top, Adam’s biggest challenge will be to keep this young squad together as the sharks of Man Utd, Arsenal and Purbeck Panthers start to hover.…

Juniors

Bere Dragons 6: Weymouth Victoria 0
Scorers: Ollie(2); Jordan(2); Tom; Jake

A quiet month for the young dragons has only seen the one game, but what a game as they once again cut through the opposition like a knife through butter. The first goal from young Tom was, quite simply, outstanding as he jinked
Thank you to all those who filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. I have just received some interesting information. The numbers contributing in 2005 were amazing, 4,000 churches and over 8,000 schools.

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Total Loads: 115
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The plane was donated by the owners of the aircraft and flew from Nottingham East Midlands Airport. The Thank You leaflet can be seen in Affpuddle Church.

Penny Haigh

elite. A comfortable (in the end!) win over Hurst saw perhaps the end of an era, as Spivey was finally dropped from the team for the more youthful new players (Adrian Moore!!). He was quite understanding, though, and the increase in match fees that weekend was a mere coincidence! The decision by the manager to keep faith with a winning team was proved to be a right one as they kept up their winning ways from the Cup, despite being a goal down thanks to a rare mistake from Ginge (i.e. Spivey was not on the pitch to blame this time!). Ginge made up for his mistake in the second half with a fine diving header, Vinnie pinged a beauty in from the edge of the area to give Bere the lead and then Shaun came off the subs bench to deliver the coup de grace with an exquisite finish.

The first match after the Christmas break was a nice easy run-around against the top of the league! Having said that, Bere were might unlucky to lose this one. Wayne Cope gave Bere the lead with a glorious curling effort from fully 30 yards that glided into the top corner. Spivey, returning from his short winter break, showed us what we have been missing with a clumsy challenge in the box that gave AC their first penalty and with their only shot of the half they equalised. The second half was, again, evenly matched and it was Bere who took the lead again with an instinctive finish from Tony Lumsden in the six yard box.

As the seconds ticked away and the defence looked impregnable, Rob was anxiously checking his pennies following his rash promise of beers all round for a victory. Thankfully for him, with two minutes to go an AC forward charged into the box and collapsed more easily than Sven’s loyalty to England. The fevered penalty appeals were met and, with their second shot of the game, AC equalised. Worse was to follow as, with thirty seconds to go, a corner was swung into the box and, in the midst of a melee of flying limbs, the ball somehow trickled into the net to give AC the win and Bere’s manager nightmares.

For Bere now, their one chance of silverware is in the Intermediate Cup. In their first season in this prestigious competition Bere find themselves as the last Division 2 team standing. Travelling to Bere Rec were Lyme Regis, one of the favourites and finalists for five out of the last six years. More of an underdog than a pygmy Chihuahua, Bere merely rolled their sleeves up and gave it 200%, with startling results. Staunch defending, ferocious tackling and the odd sprinkling of skill added up to a recipe for victory. The muddy pitch and ferocious tackling did not allow the normal feast of football, but at the end nobody from Bere cared as the
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could not resist looping a spectacular 25 yard volley into the net. It was at this eleventh hour that Mark Gale finally realised his proper role as referee and, having seen Rob White crumple at the slightest touch in the penalty box, awarded the Old Gits their first penalty.

With the array of goal scoring talent at his mercy Rob White had no hesitation in pointing to the man who, whilst not scoring for three seasons for Bere Regis, just cannot miss for the Old Gits….Darren Spivey! This confidence galvanised him into slotting the penalty away with some panache, only to find out in the bar afterwards that Rob had only chosen him in the expectation that he would miss and never, ever live it down!

With friends like these…..I Never mind, with their gander up and the referee right behind them the Old Gits were unstoppable. Another dodgy free kick out by the touchline gave Earl Dacre the chance to whip a hanging ball in and who was there on the end of it again, but Spivey. With the youngsters hugely demoralised now it was only a matter of time before the winner came for the Old Gits. In the last minute several Old Gits fell over in the penalty area and Mark could take his pick as to which was most deserving of the resulting penalty kick. Given what had gone before there could be only one penalty taker….Maccal! The calmest man in the place he lined up the ball, took a measured run up, and toe punted the ball straight through the keeper and into the net. The whistle blew, the crowd went wild, a beerfest of Charles Kennedy proportions followed and, as nature’s anaesthetic calmly washed away the pain, the Old Gits wallowed in yet another famous victory. Better luck next year youngsters………

(NB There were no actual scenes of partial nudity or sexual references, but it did keep you reading till the very end!!)

Saturdays

**Bere Regis 3: AFC Hurst 1**
Scorers: C Osmond, G Vincent, S Cope

**Bere Regis 2: AC Mahavars 3**
Scorers: W Cope, T Lumsden

**Bere Regis 1: Lyme Regis 0 (CUP – Quarter Finals)**
Scorer: S Cope

Another good month for Bere as they start to find their feet amongst Dorset’s...
We have booked a puppet performance for the February half term holiday. This will be the Storybox Theatre presenting the rather graphically entitled ‘The Pea, the Bean and the Enormous Turnip’ on Tuesday February 14th at 1030 am. Then on March 2nd we have the Forest Forge Theatre Company who are presenting ‘The Country Wife’. It is the story of a wife who leaves her closeted existence in Hampshire to get a taste of city life. This is a professional company who have proved to be very popular in the past and the advice is to book early.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm in the Drax Hall.

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BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

Football reports

Boxing Day Extravaganza

Old Gits 3: Young Whippersnappers 2

(12A: Contains violence, strong language, sex references, horror and partial nudity)

Never before has a match report needed a classification, but some of this game was certainly not fit for our younger readers and, obviously, I blame the referee. Mark Gale displayed as much control as an incontinent on a pogo stick and the players simply took advantage. The poor Old Gits, with only a three man advantage this year, were out of their depth for much of the first half and outplayed by the Young Whippersnappers.

A combination of hangover and early morning whisky meant that tackles on both sides were a tad late (even without either of the Mosses playing!) yet remained unpunished, which merely encouraged more of the same. Horror tackles on either side saw Simon Scott’s OG debut marred by a duck egg lump on his shin; Adey Moore chipping a bone on his foot (a bit faster and he might have got out of the way!); and Al Moorse revisiting old wounds. Even more horrific to watch was Lamby’s turn of pace as, on one occasion, he was just pipped to a through ball by a passing snail. There was also the frightening sight of our own WWE celebrity. Move over ‘The Rock’ and make way for Pip ‘The Boulder’ Evans, scornning the ‘Clothes Line’ for ‘The Kitchen Sink’, as everything went into demolishing one poor youngster. To add insult to all these injuries, Mark then awarded a penalty to the youngsters, breaking a tradition that has lasted well over a hundred years.

Thankfully, the Old Gits had Lyndon ‘The Pussy’ White (sorry, ‘The Cat’, please edit!) in goal, a sight to strike terror into all players hearts, especially the Old Gits. As Pete Macklin (Bere Sunday side’s leading scorer last season) stepped up you could almost hear the tension, or it might just have been Lyndon’s failing ligaments creaking! Yet, miracles are standard fare at Christmas and, through some ancient reflex, he stuck out one arthritic leg to save the Old Gits. Okay, so the youngsters scored soon after but let us remember him for the good times eh! The Old Gits were 1-0 down at half time and in need of some inspiration. Thankfully, a mix of even more whisky and (in the great Fergie tradition!) a quick word with the referee at half time and all was set fair for the second half. Fortunately, Shaun Cope had not read the script and after a quick Christmas pantomime between Miller and White at the back left an unguarded goal he
THANK YOU FROM PENNY ROBLIN

Following Graham’s sudden illness and death, I received so many wonderful cards and letters of sympathy. I am profoundly grateful to you all for prayers and support. I have been overwhelmed and honoured by the many expressions of affection and high regard in which Graham was held.

Our years spent in Bere Regis and Affpuddle were so happy and rewarding in every possible way. They were a perfect finale to Graham’s full time ministry prior to retirement in 2001.

I look forward to maintaining the friendships we made together and we will all treasure our memories.

Penny Roblin

GARDENING CLUB

At the first meeting of the year Mrs Jenkins told us all about ‘Growing Indoor Orchids for Beginners’ and brought some samples to tempt people to have a go. Members were pleased to hear of the possibility of potential committee members in the near future.

The February meeting is a talk by Mrs Diana Guy from Witchampton on ‘Helibores’ and there is a suggestion of a visit to her garden at the end of February. More details at the meeting.
The New Year's party got off to a swing with entertainment from Mr David Andrews ably assisted by members of the club both volunteers and some not so voluntary but all with unknown musical talents. He sang songs accompanied with his guitar, told stories, read poems and in the end had all members helping to make a very enjoyable afternoon. Thankyou to the lady who recommended him.

The February meeting is at the Drax Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 8th February when David Chubb is to bring slides with musical background entitled 'The Magic of Nature' and the competition is for 'One Daffodil'.

"T'was love, t'was love, the love of God to me
It took my Saviour from above to die on Calvary
And in the words of another hymn

Was it the nails O Saviour that held Thee to the Tree?
Nay, t'was Thine everlasting love – Thy love for me. For me
O, make me understand it, help me to take it in

What it meant to Thee – the Holy One – to take away my sin

As we move on through this year may you know the increasing depth of His 'agape' love in your heart.

Pastor Jim Morris
The Manse Flat, Butt Lane Tel: 01929471270

Bere Regis Congregational Chapel – Worship every Sunday at 10.00am
Includes Junior Church for youngsters
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Mondays – Toddlers Group 1.30-3.00pm
Wednesdays – Early Days Café (for mums to be and new mums) 10.30am-12noon
(contact Lynda Essex on 07766257902 for details)
Fridays – Sonseekers Youth Club (for ages 7-12) – 6.00-7.30pm
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Last month we had a visit from Roger Collins, sharing with us in one of our morning services about the work of MAF – Mission Aviation Fellowship. Roger, who himself has 28 years of experience in the Fleet Air Arm behind him, served as an Engineer Officer of a Sea Harrier squadron. He later served as Air Engineering Commander on HMS “Illustrious” before leaving the Navy in 1990 to take up a full-time Christian ministry as a MAF representative. For those who have never heard of it before, MAF is a Christian organisation, founded just after the war by Christian pilots and aircrew who were challenged to use their skill in piloting military aircraft to provide back-up support for missionary activity around the world. These men (and now women also) are driven by a personal commitment and love for the Lord Jesus Christ to reach out with valuable aid and medical supplies in remote parts of the world impenetrable by overland transport.

For me they are part of an unrecognised, unsung army of faithful Christian workers who never make the headlines. I was surprised, for instance, to learn that it was MAF light planes that were first on the scene of last year’s tragic tsunami - ahead of the U.S. helicopters. You won’t have read that in the newspapers! The MAF pilots, most of whom are married and with families, daily risk their lives landing on tiny, uneven airstrips, often in dangerous countries like Sudan and Chad. Over the years thousands have received help, hope and healing through these devoted workers.

What makes someone want to risk their lives for people they have never met, to go into places where danger threatens and work long hours for a relative pittance? The short answer is they do it for love – not love for themselves, but ultimately out of a love for the One Who loved them and gave Himself for them. Each one has made a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. Their work is truly an illustration of love in action. This is the kind of love Jesus introduced to a hostile and alienated world when He walked this earth 2,000 years ago. In fact He gave it a special name - the Greek word “AGAPE” – which means total self-effacing love. Far removed from the kind of love many will be expressing on the
Orange Generator

Following a request from a resident of Shitterton I asked our Environmental Department to persuade Orange if they could quieten the generator on Black Hill. Orange have said they will do this. Although we have no real power to enforce this sort of thing Orange are keen to maintain good relations with us and I am very grateful to Richard Conway our Environmental Health Officer at Purbeck District Council who “persuaded” them to do this.

Purbeck District Council Website

As the E-Government Spokesman and Adviser to Purbeck District Council I recently unveiled our brand new website, which went live on Monday 5 December. One of my concerns was that the staff at Purbeck would not be aware of all the facilities on the new web site and had almost no time to familiarise themselves with a mass of new features and aids. If they were not up to speed not this would mean that they would not able to help the public when they were asked similar questions. I wanted to encourage them to “swot” up on it and to celebrate its launch. So, over XMAS, I donated a prize to the staff member who could answer all the following questions, which are all on the web site – somewhere! Why don’t you have a go? I will print the answers next month.
you as a Volunteer onto our Project Team. Contact us at the Drax Hall on a Monday or Friday morning or telephone Angela on 01929-472261.

**Dates for the Diary**

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Mrs Edmonds’ Ladies team were bowled over at their success at the Christmas Party Skittling evening at Bloxworth Village Club. Their rivals - Mrs Tucker’s team accepted defeat graciously, and winners and losers joined forces and tucked into a buffet. Good fun was had by all, and the evening made a relaxing prelude to the Christmas festivities.

The Pancake race will be held on February 28th at the Bere Regis Sports Club. Toss up begins at 10.00am. If fine racing on the green, if wet racing on the road.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Drax Hall, North Street, come and join us for a friendly chat, cuppa tea and some interesting talks etc.

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**Waste**

Following the non-collection of the Recycling boxes in Bere Regis on Saturday 8th January I wrote a rather grumpy letter to the Chief Executive of Purbeck complaining about the danger of having boxes of bottles lying around for days and of my despair at getting the collections running on time. By the way the Chief Executive (Steve MacKenzie) is a paid up recipient of our Parish Magazine, and a “good guy”! His reply is as follows:-

Peter

I am told that all of the recycling in your area was completed on Monday. They are struggling at the moment and the latest statistics appear to give the reason. We expected the new scheme to deliver 24% recycling rate, as I’m sure you will recall. The latest statistics show that we are recycling 31.8%, i.e. a third more. A fantastic achievement by the people of Purbeck, but obviously one that is causing a [good] problem, if you what I mean. We are preparing a press release with this good news.

As far as the refuse collection service is concerned, they are a little behind schedule at the moment but they say they will have pulled this back by Friday.
and the round covering Bere Regis will go ahead as planned.

I have asked Environmental Services to put in place an information system so that we are proactive in telling Councillors when there is a problem that is going to affect their ward. I envisage this being by e-mail towards the end of the day so that Members are told if a round is unlikely to be completed and when it will be completed.

Steve

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

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Pop In Place Poppets – Baby and Toddler Group

The Poppets Parent/Carer Baby and Toddler Group meet on a Thursday 1.30pm to 3pm (during term time). This group provides a useful link for young families both as a social occasion and also for friendship. For more information contact Trish on 01929-472418.

The Pop In Place Performers

After the resounding success of the Christmas Show we look forward to our Spring Concert on Saturday 13th May 2006. (Please note this is a date change to that published in the Village Calendar.)

Performers of any age will be most welcome. We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7.45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second Thursday as its Parish Council. We work in our various workshop groups and focus on music, dance, arts and craft, and drama. You must register by filling in a registration form and paying £1.00 on your first visit then 50p per week thereafter. (No children under class 3 age please)

Open Gardens 2006

Following the feedback from last year’s very successful event we are planning to hold this year’s ‘Open Gardens’ on 9th July 2006.

The initial planning stages have to be started in the near future. Offers of gardens for this year’s event should be made in writing to Alison Bennett at 3, Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis by 1st March 2006. The offers need to be submitted by this date so we can arrange the insurance for the event.

Additional Help Required

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**Bere Regis Swimming Club**

WE’RE MOVING!

Following a decision by Blandford Leisure Centre to close at 1pm on Saturdays (due to North Dorset District Council budget constraints), we have decided to relocate the club to the Purbeck Leisure Centre in Wareham as from Saturday 14th January. Session times will remain the same and we hope that the move will be achieved without too much disruption.

For those of you unfamiliar with Purbeck, the pool has two more lanes than Blandford, but doesn’t have a small pool. Parents are welcome to sit poolside or watch from Harry’s bar, which overlooks the shallow end and offers snacks, drinks and Sky Sports!

Unfortunately Wareham Swimming Club have pre-booked some Saturday evenings which means that we will have to miss some evenings this term, so

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**Pop In Place - Bere Regis**

“Bringing the Community Together”

**Pop In Place Sessions** – Monday and Friday mornings
10 am to 12 noon

**Pop In Place Poppets** - Baby and Toddler Group
Thursday 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm
(term time only)

**Pop In Place Performers** Performers of any age are welcome for music, dance and drama
Thursday 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm
(not second Thursday)

The Pop In Place aims to draw the Community together in a variety of creative ways why not visit us you will be made very welcome.

The Pop In Place is at the Drax Hall

For more details Tel: Angela 01929-472261
Alison 01929-472023

Volunteers are always welcome
please make careful note of the scheduled dates.
We apologise for the lack of notice given, which was beyond our control, and look forward to seeing you all at Wareham.

Spring Term Swimming Dates

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N/S = No Swimming, H/T = Half Term

Dates for your Diaries

| Jan 14 | Swimming at Purbeck |
| Jan 21 | Gala versus Poole (this will have already taken place) |
| Feb 25 | Special Diving Evening |
| Mar 25 | Distance Night |
| Apr 26 | AGM |

Distance Night - 25th March 2006

The annual distance night, when the children can attempt the next distance badge, will soon be upon us again. Anyone willing to help record the children’s distances should identify themselves to the teachers on the night. Any swimmer wanting to attempt 3,000m or more will have to start prior to 5.30pm. Please speak to Bob who will be arranging this with the Leisure Centre. All log books will be updated to record the distances achieved. Please notify us if you have yet to receive a log book.
**Splashes AGM**

The AGM will be held in Bere Regis School hall at 7pm on Wednesday 26 April 2006. There will be a short meeting followed by the presentation of certificates to the children.

Do try to attend, as this is the only chance in the year you have to voice your opinion directly to the Committee.

We would also welcome some “new blood” on the Committee, and this is your chance to put yourself forward and get involved in the running of the club.

**Congratulations**

To the Tadpoles Team for retaining the Under 9 Trophy for the third year running at the Wareham Lions Swimarathon. Also, well done our Splashes team which won the 11 and under shield for the very first time with a magnificent 73 laps (146 lengths!) in the allocated 55 minutes.

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and laughter. All too soon it was time to head home, everyone talking about the next trip down to Portland and stone carving mixed in with thoughts of Christmas presents, strange that.

The first meeting for the members will in fact be the trip to Portland on the 15th January; this will be followed by the first youth club night of the year on Tuesday 17th. Membership fees will be due then and all members will be expected to pay up promptly.

The 14th February will be a very special night for the members when the youth club will become officially affiliated with their local legion branch. During the evening both the Youth Club and the Bere Regis RBL Branch will receive a National Royal British Legion ‘Certificate of Affiliation’. This will be the first such an affiliation between a youth club and a Royal British Legion branch within Dorset. The young members are inviting the members of the Bere Regis RBL Branch and Bere Regis RBL Women’s Section. Other local people who would like to attend the evening are welcome, numbers permitting; they should however contact the leader on the telephone number below as soon as possible.

New members are always welcome just call in on any club night or contact the leader on the telephone number below.

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As part of the Heritage Discover Project a second visit was made to the Jurassic Coast on the 18th December by a group of 7 ‘Lenny’s’ Youth Club members. They were joined by 4 young members from Winterbourne Whitechurch Youth Club and 2 Scouts from Dorchester. The destination this time was the Isle of Portland were the group visited the Lighthouse, where the blasts from the fog horn made everyone jump the first time that it sounded, and the quarry workings near Pulpit Rock.

The weather turned dull on arrival on Portland, the sun had shone until passing through Weymouth, although it did stay dry and brightened up a little after lunch. The main purpose of the visit was to visit Tout Quarry and to see the vast array of stone carvings that appear around nearly every corner. The subjects of the carvings range from owls, lizards, bull’s heads, a set of church style windows, and much, much more. If you have never been to Tout Quarry it is well worth a visit and it’s free but enough of my travel agent ramblings.

Following a packed lunch in the minibus, it was still rather cold outside, the party headed over to visit The Portland Sculpture and Quarry Trust at the Old Drill Hall in Easton Road. The Trust is a partner in the project being run by Dorset Youth Association on behalf of the Heritage Lottery Fund. Nice to know that some of the money spent on the national lottery is coming back to provide our local young people with an opportunity to visit and learn about their local heritage. Having reached the Old Drill Hall the group were shown a range of artefacts previously used in the extraction and production of finished Stone products.

This was followed with a talk on how the young people would get hands on experience on their next visit on the 15th January 2006. On that day they will be tracing their chosen designs onto blocks of stone and learn how to chisel and carve out the finished article. There are two further visits taking place, these will both be residential weekends based at Portland YMCA, on the 27-29 January and 24-26 February. Watch this space for further details.

Everyone at the youth club had a very enjoyable night at Christmas Party held on the 20th December. With seasonal background music setting an appropriate atmosphere, plenty of food and drink, members really got into the party spirit. The evening involved members in a number of games which resulted in a lot of fun.

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be reviewing everyone’s handicap before this game for the new season so be prepared for the unexpected. This game will also qualify for the Drax Arms Consistency trophy.

After the game, as is our custom, we will shower and the dress will be jacket, collar and society tie. A two course meal will be provided and followed by the presentation together with nearest the pin and longest drive winners. There will also be a two’s competition.

The cost is the same as in previous years and fixed at £35.00. If any of our members are a member at East Dorset would they please advise our Treasurer, Russell White, before they play to enable the Society to obtain the discount available.

It only now leaves me to remind you that anyone who has not paid their £20.00 membership fee must do so together with their first outing fee of £35.00. It was agreed at the AGM last year that members who have not paid for the golf outing prior to the golf day would be considered not to be playing. The objective is to try and avoid collecting fees prior to the Treasurer going out to play his game and is a reasonable request to ensure that he and our Captain can enjoy their day out without undue mither.

As ROGS enters its 9th season (the Chinese year of the Dog) can we all join together to wish our Captain a very successful year.

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We will be playing for the JCabs Trophy, and as it is a proper society day out medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be played for and Handicap revisions will take place. Following last years AGM, our Handicap Secretary, Pabs Ebsworth, will...